Appointment of Mr. T. M. Chacko as Superintendent, S. M. R. V. Technical Institute.

56. **MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the circumstances under which Mr. T. M. Chacko was appointed as Superintendent of the S. M. R. V. Institute, Nagercoil ;

(*b*) the qualifications of Mr. T. M. Chacko and how they are when compared with the Intermediate Examination in weaving of the Madras Government ;

(*c*) whether the opinion of the Textile Expert is obtained when persons are appointed as Superintendents of the S. M. R. V. Institute, Itinerant Weaving Instructors and Weavers ;

(*d*) whether a memorial has been submitted to the Government and the Director of Industries by the people of Nagercoil praying that a Tamil-knowing man should be appointed as Superintendent of the S. M. R. V. Institute ; and

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative, the action they have taken on the memorial ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The scale of pay of the two appointments, *viz.*, Weaving Instructors and Superintendent of the S. M. R. V. Institute is the same and the Director of Industries is competent to transfer them. No special circumstances are required for transfers.

(*b*) Qualifications of Mr. T. M. Chacko are :—

(1) E. S. L. Certificate.

(2) Diploma of the Government Weaving Institute, Serampore.

(3) City and Guilds Examinations in Spinning (II Grade) and Cotton Dyeing (I Grade).

These qualifications are superior to the Intermediate Grade Examination in Cotton Weaving of the Madras Government.

(*c*) The Director of Industries ordinarily consults the Textile Expert when appointments or recommendations relating to that branch are made by him.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The memorial was considered by the Government but no Tamilian with the requisite technical qualifications was available for the place.

Headmasters of English Middle Schools.

57. **MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI** (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points ; —

(*a*) the number of departmental English Middle Schools in the State in which the headmasters are—

(i) graduates in the first grade of teachers ;

(ii) graduates in the second grade of teachers ;

(iii) undergraduates ;

(*b*) the scale of pay of these three classes of headmasters ;

(*c*) whether there is any rule fixing the qualification and pay of headmasters of English Middle Schools ; and

(*d*) the principle followed in appointing different grades of teachers as headmasters of schools of the same standard ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (i) 7.
(ii) 5.
(iii) 4.
(*b*) (i) Rs. 125-10-175.
(ii) Rs. 50-5/1-70-5/1-120.
(iii) Rs. 60-5/1-85 and Rs. 25-5/2-40-5/3-50 (Incomplete Schools.)

(*c*) There is no definite rule fixing the qualifications of Headmasters of English Middle Schools; but the Government have expressed the opinion that, as far as possible, only trained graduates should be appointed as Headmasters of English Middle Schools for Boys. There is also no rule fixing the pay of such Headmasters.

(*d*) Teachers of different grades are appointed as Headmastere of schools of the same standard according to their importance and the exigencies of the service.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know, in regard to answer to part (*c*) whether the department has not been able to carry out the opinion of the Government that trained graduates should be appointed as Headmasters of Middle Schools?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They are adhering to that rule.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLA (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Then how is it that we see from the answer to part (*a*) only seven graduates in the first grade of teachers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): As far as possible they are following that rule.

MR. C P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Am I to understand that it is on account of the paucity of trained graduates that such disparity in the appointment of graduates is found?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It has been expressed that the appointments are made in accordance with the importance of the schools and the exigencies of the service.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Is there not a definite rule fixing the qualifications of Headmasters of English High Schools?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Headmasters in English High Schools carry a different scale of pay and a different qualification is fixed for them.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): My question is whether there is any definite qualification fixed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That question does not seem to arise.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): It does arise. I want the Government to fix a definite qualification for the Headmasters of Middle Schools.

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member can ask that even without asking the other supplementary question.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Then I ask whether the Government will be pleased to fix a qualification for the Headmasters of the English Middle Schools.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government will consult the Director of Public Instruction.

Headmaster; English High School, Adur.

58. **MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Headmaster of the English High School, Adur, was recently assaulted by an assistant of his;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the very same Headmaster was transferred from Chengannur some years ago after an assault upon him by some persons;

(*c*) whether the Government, the Director of Public Instruction and the Inspector of English Schools are in possession of a copy of the resolution passed at a public meeting held at Adur on the 10th Minam 1101 referring to the Headmaster's mismanagement of the school, lack of harmony and co-operation between the Headmaster and his assistants and the need for giving him a transfer; and

(*d*) whether any action was taken upon it by the Government or the department and, if so, with what result?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) After enquiry into the matter, the Director of Public Instruction has reported that from the evidence it is not clear that the Headmaster of the English High School, Adur, was assaulted by an Assistant in the school.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Copy of the resolutions referred to by the member was received by the Government, the Director of Public Instruction and the Inspector of English Schools.

(*d*) A report was called for from the Director of Public Instruction on the resolutions, and as it was observed from the report that no further action was called for, the resolutions were recorded.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): In regard to answer to part (*a*) may I know the nature of the evidence taken by the Director of Public Instruction?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The nature of the evidence is not known. The Director asked the Inspector to make an enquiry and report, and he has reported. What evidence exactly was taken is not known.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Has he taken the deposition of the teachers of that school in regard to the incident?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He seems to have taken some deposition.

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